

HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS



TRAINING-SCHOOL NOTES

FOR the first time in the history of training-schools for nurses in the State of Illinois diplomas were conferred on nurses with the graduates of a university. This is an advance step in the right direction, making the training-school an additional department of a university. The schools of law, medicine, pharmacy, and dentistry are fitly supplemented by the training-school. It is quite proper that the Mercy Hospital Training-School should be the first in Chicago to attain this honor, as the Mercy Hospital is the oldest in Chicago, having been established in 1848 in connection with the Rush Medical College. In 1859 the Chicago Medical College was established on the South Side, and the Sisters of Mercy had built a hospital on Wabash Avenue near Van Buren Street. The Rush Medical College remaining on the North Side, circumstances favored the connection of the Mercy Hospital with the Chicago Medical College. In 1864 the hospital was removed to its present site, corner of Twenty-sixth and Calumet Avenue, and the Chicago Medical College was then built on the corner of Twenty-sixth and Prairie Avenue, on the grounds belonging to and adjoining the Mercy Hospital. The hospital staff was always composed of professors of the Chicago Medical College, and later, when the Chicago Medical College affiliated with the Northwestern University, the same relationship continued with the Mercy Hospital by agreement of the two institutions. Mercy Hospital is always furnished medical and surgical attendance by the Chicago Medical College, which is now the Medical School of the Northwestern University. In this way the Mercy Hospital Training-School and Mercy Hospital are closely connected with the Northwestern. The nurses' lectures are given by men from the Northwestern Medical School and the examinations are given by each lecturer on his own subject. The Board of Examiners also sign the diplomas of the nurses. The trained nurse is the youngest daughter of the learned professions and may properly be assigned the youngest department of the university. The young women who are honored by being the first to have diplomas conferred by the university have spent three years in study and practical work in the Mercy Hospital, fitting themselves to perform skilfully and faithfully the responsible duties of their vocation. Those who received diplomas are Katherine O'Donnell, Chicago, Ill.; Isabel Devlin, Detroit, Mich.; Maude McGinnis, Chicago, Ill.; Elinor McCollins, Dubuque, Ia.; Sue O'Hara, Chicago, Ill.; Bertha Langan, Streeter, Ill.; Ethel Stoncrook, Joliet, Ill.; Grace Matthieu, Kankakee, Ill.; Julia McGurn, Chicago, Ill.; Mary C. Gorman, Fausau, Wis.; Helen Armstrong, McHenry, Ill.; Mamie L. Knaup, Milwaukee, Wis.; Agnes Blewett, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Margaret Flaherty, Rock Island, Ill.; Grace O'Brien, Champaign, Ill.; Genevieve Conway, Janesville, Wis.; Sister M. Victorine Lippert, Mercy Hospital, Chicago, Ill.; Sister M. Lidwina Zens, Mercy Hospital, Chicago, Ill. This school, which now numbers eighty-seven pupil nurses, is entirely managed by the Sisters of Mercy. The nurses wore white costumes with their uniform cap and school badge. They went to the auditorium in carriages, chaperoned by Mrs. E. W. and Mrs. F. T.

Andrews. Dr. N. S. Davis introduced the nurses and President Holgate conferred their diplomas. They were most enthusiastically applauded by the audience and the faculty of the Medical School. On returning to the Nurses' Home refreshments were served, thus ending a pleasant evening which will ever remain a green spot in the memory of the Class of 1905.

PERSONAL

MISS PYLLIS S. WOOD and her sister, Miss Charlotte Wood, with Miss Margaret Bruce, all Buffalo General graduates, went to Sweden last spring to pursue a course of study in Professor Wide's Gymnastic Institute in Stockholm. They have spent the summer on the west coast at a health resort, attending Professor Wide's summer preparatory course before joining his regular winter course.

MISS CAROLYN VAN BLARCOM, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1901, and Miss Ellen La Motte, Class of 1902, have resigned their respective positions of superintendent of nurses and operating-room nurse at St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis. Miss La Motte has returned to Baltimore and joined the Instructive Visiting Nurses' Association, where she has undertaken the tuberculosis work.

MISS CHARLOTTE DANCY, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1896, for three years the visiting nurse of Newark, N. J., has resigned her position and been succeeded by Miss Reiba Thelin, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1903, formerly visiting nurse of the Johns Hopkins Tuberculosis Dispensary and recently connected with the Nurses' Settlement of New York City.

MISS WADLAND, MISS GREEN, MISS VANNIER, and MISS TOWNSBROUGH, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1905, will shortly become assistants at the Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, Pa. Miss Wadland has recently been the visiting nurse of the Orthopædic Clinic of the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

MISS BERTHA ERDMANN was appointed superintendent of nurses by the Board of Corrections and Charities at the City Hospital Training-School for Nurses, and assumed her duties September 1. Two months of "rest" has restored her usual good health.

MRS ELIZABETH M. HARTSOCK, formerly superintendent of nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital, Cincinnati, has recently been appointed superintendent of nurses at the City Hospital, Springfield, O., in place of Miss Jones, who resigned September 7.

MISS ANNA JAMMÉ, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1897, has resigned her position as superintendent of nurses at the New England Hospital for Women, which she has held for several years, and returned to her home in Minneapolis.

THERE seems to be constant demand for nurses for hospital positions in the mission field of the Episcopal Church. The corresponding secretary is Mr. John Wilson Wood, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York.

MISS HELEN BALCOM has resigned the position as assistant superintendent of the Homeopathic Hospital, Rochester, N. Y., and has been succeeded by Miss Anna M. Tripp, a graduate of the school.

MISS MARY B. CARMENN has resigned her position as night superintendent of the Allegheny General Hospital to accept that of superintendent of nurses at the McKeesport Hospital, Pa.

MISSES BROWN, CLANCY, MORLEY, OWENS, and CROMIE, members of the Lebanon Hospital Alumnae, have taken an apartment at 1053 Tinton Avenue, Bronx, New York.

MISS EMILY McDONNELL, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1892, for nine years superintendent of nurses at the Albany Hospital, Albany, N. Y., has resigned her position.

MRS. M. B. VAIL has resigned as second assistant at the Homœopathic Hospital, Rochester, N. Y., to accept a similar position at the Pasadena Hospital, Cal.

MISS SARA E. PARSONS, Massachusetts General Graduate, is to organize a training-school at the Shepherd and Enoch Pratt Hospital, Towson, Md.

MISS CECILIA PEAKE, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1903, has taken charge of the East End Hospital of Pittsburg, Pa., and began her work in June.

DR. ANNA T. HINTZE, graduate nurse from the Massachusetts General Hospital, has opened an office and private sanatorium in Pottstown, Pa.

MISS ALICE BEST, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1904, has left the Visiting Nurses' Association and begun private nursing in Baltimore.

MISS HALLIE WASHINGTON, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1899, has removed from West Virginia to Denver, Colorado, to do private nursing.

MISS L. S. SMART has resigned her position at Pueblo, Col., and is now at her home in Athol, Mass.



TRAINING NURSES BY MAIL.—The *Journal of the American Medical Association* says: "Our attention has been called to an advertisement in the latest issue of a very respectable publication, the *Review of Reviews*, of the Chicago Correspondence School of Nursing. It is headed "Be a nurse. You can if you will"—that is, of course, by instruction by mail. If there is any occupation requiring careful practical teaching and daily experience with the exigencies that arise as the main part of the instruction, it is that of nursing. The practical part of the training is the main thing. No amount of merely theoretical knowledge can properly fit a person for such an occupation. It seems to us very much like a money-making scheme on the part of its promoters designed to capture the dollars of unsuspicious females. The diploma of a correspondence nursing school would be a very unsatisfactory credential to a physician seeking the aid of a trained nurse in the many exacting and perilous emergencies that arise in medical and surgical practice, and if this fact were generally appreciated the advertisement ought to bring very little business. We hope this will be the case."

THE superintendent of a home for children writes: "The funny part of my business is this, that I, who have no children of my own, have been asked to care for so many children of other people. Brothers of mine have said: 'You have many good theories of child-training, but wait until you have children of your own and you will find that the practice of parental authority is somewhat different from the theory.' But I should be ashamed to have my brothers see my orphans act like some of my nephews and nieces."—*Charities*.